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RE: MUR 5651
Joseph Gallagher

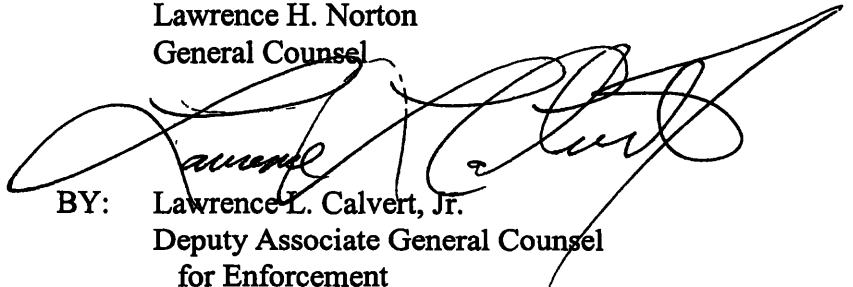
Dear Mr. Meares:

On March 22, 2005, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, Joseph Gallagher, of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). On May 2, 2006, the Commission dismissed this matter in an exercise of prosecutorial discretion. *See Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report explaining the Commission's decision is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracey L. Ligon, the attorney assigned to this matter, at 202-694-1650.

Sincerely,
Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

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General Counsel's Report

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